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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David L. Patton, et al

**MODIFICATION OF RECEIVER
SURFACE TO REJECT STAMP
CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated August 27, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 9 as set forth below.

At present, official postage stamps are designed to accept a cancellation mark as the stamp passes through the postal sorting equipment. The cancellation mark shows the stamp has been used as postage on a piece of mail and cannot be used again. With the advent of the personalized postage stamp as described in U.S. 5,873,605 a consumer can submit a personal image and have the personal image become part of the postage stamp 10 as shown in Fig. 1. The stamp 10 comprises an official postal image (indicia) 20 printed in an official postal image area 24 bordered on the inside border by lines 25, 26, 27, and 28 and on the outside edge by perforations 30. The stamp 10 includes a personal image 40 lying inside the personal image area 45 bordered by the lines 25, 26, 27, and

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